

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A stacking device comprising:

top and bottom parallel planar a stacking surfaces without holes having a configuration for supporting at least one supported article of manufacture stacked on top of said top parallel planar stacking surface; and,

~~—— a support surface opposite said stacking surface, said support surface having a configuration for direct communication with at least one supporting article of manufacture below said support surface;~~

~~—— said stacking surface and support surface supporting a vertical stacking of articles of manufacture without assistance from other support structures.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar support surfaces comprises a polygon.

3. (Currently Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar support surfaces comprises an ellipse.

4. (Currently Amended) The stacking device claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar stacking surface and said support surfaces comprise a machine washable material.

5. (Currently Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar stacking surface and said support surfaces comprise a heat resistant material suitable for use in an oven.
6. (Currently Amended) The stacking device of claim 1, wherein said top and bottom parallel planar support surfaces have a configuration for direct communication with a wire mesh shelf.
7. (Currently Amended) A stacking system comprising a plurality of stacking devices, each of said stacking devices comprising top and bottom parallel planar stacking surfaces without holes having a configuration for supporting at least one supported article of manufacture stacked on top of said top parallel planar stacking surface ~~a stacking surface having a configuration for supporting a supported article of manufacture stacked on top of said stacking surface, and a support surface opposite said stacking surface, said support surface having a configuration for direct communication with a supporting article of manufacture below said support surface, said stacking surface and support surface supporting a vertical stacking of articles of manufacture without assistance from other support structures,~~ wherein at least two of said stacking devices comprise differing surface areas for supporting articles of manufacture of different shapes and sizes.